

HOUSEHOLD DATA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005	Aug. 2004	Aug. 2005
Total not in the labor force	75,511	75,952	13,199	13,375	21,613	21,458	40,699	41,119	28,048	28,252	47,463	47,700
Do not want a job now ¹	70,366	70,935	11,444	11,774	19,326	19,091	39,596	40,070	25,880	26,326	44,486	44,610
Want a job ¹	5,145	5,017	1,755	1,601	2,287	2,367	1,103	1,049	2,168	1,927	2,977	3,090
Did not search for work in previous year	2,951	2,940	916	915	1,229	1,247	806	778	1,106	1,099	1,844	1,841
Searched for work in previous year ²	2,195	2,076	839	685	1,058	1,120	298	271	1,062	827	1,133	1,249
Not available to work now	608	494	250	154	316	301	42	38	238	118	369	376
Available to work now	1,587	1,583	589	531	742	818	256	233	823	710	763	873
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects ³	534	384	180	137	253	184	102	63	313	218	222	167
Reasons other than discouragement	1,052	1,198	409	394	489	634	154	170	511	492	542	706
Family responsibilities	125	210	22	33	75	151	29	26	21	32	104	178
In school or training	183	125	135	87	44	38	5	—	92	70	91	55
Ill health or disability	112	94	31	8	56	72	25	14	39	36	73	58
Other ⁴	632	770	221	266	315	374	96	130	359	355	273	415

¹ Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

² Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

³ Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of

discrimination.

⁴ Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.